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Art of Marriage - Detroit

Frank hosted his first Art of Marriage event this spring for a bi-lingual church in the Detroit area. His event was a great success. A pastor who attended cried almost the whole time: touched for his own marriage and realizing how powerful this event will be for other marriages. Frank was so overwhelmed at how God used the Art of Marriage that he has been catalytic in helping a Detroit based ministry called E.A.C.H. (Everyone A Chance to Hear) to organize five Art of Marriage events on the same weekend in October expecting to reach 5,000 people with the gospel. These tools have reach beyond anything we can imagine, and God has positioned Cru to leverage these tools to open formerly closed doors to advance the gospel.

Building Marriage Ministry

Responding to God's call to get in the game and help others, Scott and Sue took action after their Weekend to Remember in November of 2011. By January 2012 they had seven couples and the pastoral staff committed to a sustainable marriage ministry through their church. Using the Art of Marriage in February 2012 they launched the ministry with 30 couples in attendance. From there they hosted all eight HomeBuilders Couples Series Studies, Marriage Oneness, The Smart Step Family and most recently in February 2013 a Love & Respect weekend with 50 couples attending. They are currently planning for June 2014 to host a marriage ministry summit at their church to help churches in their area launch marriage ministries. One spark in one couple has transformed marriages in their church and has potential to reach their entire community with the gospel of Christ.

My wife Christal organized and planned our Weekend to Remember in Lincoln, Nebraska with the help of My Bridge Radio. I went along reluctantly but thinking that it may help HER. Friday evening my heart was not in it. Saturday morning I was slightly captivated and by Saturday afternoon it had captured my heart. I renewed my faith in GOD and in my marriage! By Sunday afternoon I had renewed my wedding vows and was renewed in CHRIST. This was a godsend and saved me and my marriage. Thank you does not begin to express my gratitude!

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REMEMBER, if you're a consistent financial partner of our ministry, you can attend a Weekend to Remember for only \$39 per couple! Call, email, or message us on Facebook, and we'll send your certificate. Use your certificate to register for any Spring or Fall getaway, or gift it to another couple. Be blessed!



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Minus Two, Plus One

Yes, the makeup of our family has changed again! The grandparents of the eleven-year-old girl we mentioned previously have been approved as provisional foster parents. Her infant brother has also moved into a foster home that is closer to the family and better equipped for visitations. Please continue to pray for them and their parents. Our hope is that the parents will continue to make the drastic improvements that will allow their children to return home.

Before those two moved on to new homes (and right after our last prayer letter), we received a new child. However, this nine-year-old boy is a bit different. He didn't just enter our home as a foster child. Instead, he is the first of our children to be an adoptive placement. He's been in foster care since 2010, and his parents'

rights have already been terminated. He is a precious child who desparately needed a mom and dad. What does he want for his birthday (in November)? To be adopted. And that's the plan! Please pray that God will continue to blend him into our family well and that the state will be able to help make his birthday

dream come true.



Weekend to Remember - Las Vegas!

Alecia and I were blessed to attend the Weekend to Remember in Las Vegas this summer. After helping read and sort the evaluations at the end of the getaway, I knew I had to share some of the responses. More quotes will be available on our blog. Here is one from a couple who has been married for two years (both received Christ as savior that weekend):

"Jeremy and I were having a lot of problems, we were fighting and arguing in front of our children. And I didn't want to do any more. Our church [showed] a trailer of the Weekend to Remember a few months ago. I had taken the days off of work to come to the conference. I even had boxes saved at work, cause I was done, I was moving out. We weren't going to come here. What was the point. And plus we didn't have the money. I talked with a member of our church who was going and told her that I wanted to go cause we are getting a divorce. She and her husband made that happen and helped pay for it. We were still arguing and fighting up until the day we came here. He didn't want to come here. I told him we have to it has been paid for. So we found babysitters for the weekend and we came. Now we are going home, with all kinds of tools and knowledge of how to change our household, and our family. And, a lady even blessed me with a book on respect and love, which I can't wait to read."

Jim, the Event Planner for this getaway (and his wife gives our kids swimming lessons), also told us that this couple was invited to the Weekend to Remember by our Prayer Plan Team Leaders, who were also the couple that paid for them to come. The day before the Weekend, the Prayer Plan Team Leaders' car broke down, and they needed a ride to the Getaway (they live an hour away) so they asked this couple to give them a ride. This left no wiggle room for the husband to back out! We love seeing God work!

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